

CARDIFF RUGBY CLUB



CARDIFF v SWANSEA

SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1977

KICK OFF 3 p.m.

Official Programme 10p

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Once again we have much pleasure in extending to Swansea a most hearty welcome, and at the same time acknowledge that this famous West Wales club, ably led by Alun Meredith, are having a fantastic start to this season.

Cardiff take the opportunity afforded by this programme to extend to the Swansea club our deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of Phil Davies and his Carmarthen fellow players in a recent West Wales road crash. The mass of South Wales Rugby players, administrators and supporters are as one in joining the families in their grief.

Cup Rugby is once again the most exciting event in Welsh Rugby and some of the results in the first round are worthy of mention. Both Cardiff and Swansea were the recipients of extreme shocks in their respective games against Garndiffaith and Burry Port; in fact Swansea were actually losing in extra time but eventually scored two tries. Cardiff failed to score a try against Garndiffaith and scraped home by three penalties. Even the most ardent Cardiff supporter would have to agree that the "Garn" pack virtually took the Cardiff forwards apart, and even allowing for the fact that the Gwent side rose magnificently to the occasion it was obvious that they were so much better in every phase of forward play than Cardiff. Many were the questions asked by the Cardiff members following this game, and there were grave doubts expressed about the effectiveness of the coaching methods, especially those of the forwards. What was the reason? Was it the Cup? After all Cardiff had a magnificent win last Saturday at Llanelli and in fairness to all concerned there was but once change in the pack, that of Carl Smith. So what is the answer?

There are several former Cardiff International players who are anti-coaching and who have claimed all along that when the coaching manual has been exhausted by all sides that there will be a levelling out of performances on the field of play, and stalemate would prevail.

The first round results of the Cup appear to make their fears fully justified, certainly the standard of coaching in the second class sides is as good, if not better, than some of the first class sides and was expressed by the performances of Crumlin, Bargoed, B.S.C. (Port Talbot) Burry Port, Pyle, Wrexham and New Dock Stars, whilst Abercynon are being tipped to beat Abertillery in the next round.

Incidentally, the reception given to Cardiff by Garndiffaith R.F.C. was fantastic and could well be copied by some of the first class clubs on Cardiff's fixture list.

This cup match was summed up by one of the Garndiffaith forwards who with a big smile on his face stated with great pride, quote: "I tackled Gareth Edwards twice."

The excitement of the first round of the Cup has fully justified the stand made by Cardiff almost two years ago, i.e. that all clubs should be in the first round and not seeded to later rounds. Cardiff held out against much opposition.

Congratulations to Gareth Davies on his Oxford Blue. Gareth now joins a long list of Blues already listed in Danny Davies' history of Cardiff.

The game today should be a "corker" as both sides play great Rugby.

D.M.J.

KNOW THE LAWS

By FRED CROSTER

'Free Kick' — not differential penalty, please — and normal penalty kick signals have quickly become an accepted part of the game with few problems to players and supporters.

What happens when a referee changes his decision and changes a 'free kick' into a penalty?

This actually happened recently, at Swansea, with an Irish referee in charge on the exchange system. He awarded a 'free kick' in the normal way with the bent arm signal. Then, to the mystification of the press box, and surely many others, he signalled a penalty from the same spot and a kick at goal was taken.

It would appear that there was some dissent by the infringing side which merited the referee increasing the severity of the punishment. Fair enough! No one could argue with that, but the intriguing questions were?

Could it not still have been a 'free kick' **from 10 metres on**, or, could not the penalty kick have been given **10 metres on**? No one could recall a similar instance happening. Can you?

It is with pleasure that I can assure all who asked that the Irish referee was perfectly in order.

The new law 28, 'free kick', does categorically state that for an infringement by the opposing team — as did happen — a penalty kick is awarded, at the place of the free kick.

We learn something every day!

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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| 14. T. G. R. DAVIES (Captain) | Right Wing |
| 13. P. DANIELS | Right Centre |
| 12. M. MURPHY | Left Centre |
| 11. D. THOMAS | Left Wing |
| 10. D. BARRY | Outside Half |
| 9. G. EDWARDS | Inside Half |
| 1. G. WALLACE | Forwards |
| 2. A. PHILLIPS | |
| 3. D. LLEWELLYN | |
| 4. C. SMITH | |
| 5. P. RAWLINS | |
| 6. T. CHARLES | |
| 8. R. LANE | |
| 7. S. LANE | |



ALCAN METAL CENTRES

Replacements

- J. DAVIES
M. WATKINS

Referee: Mr. ALAN WELSBY (R.F.U.)

Swansea

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|--------------|-----|
| R. BLYTH | 15. |
| G. JONES | 14. |
| G. JENKINS | 13. |
| A. MEREDITH | 12. |
| G. HIGGINS | 11. |
| N. PRICE | 10. |
| H. DAVIES | 9. |
| H. HOPKINS | 1. |
| J. HERDMAN | 2. |
| P. LLEWELLYN | 3. |
| B. CLEGG | 4. |
| G. WHEEL | 5. |
| T. EVANS | 6. |
| R. MORIARTY | 8. |
| M. KEYWORTHY | 7. |

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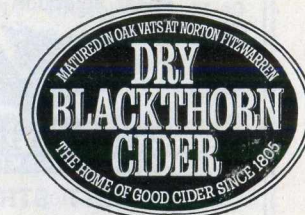
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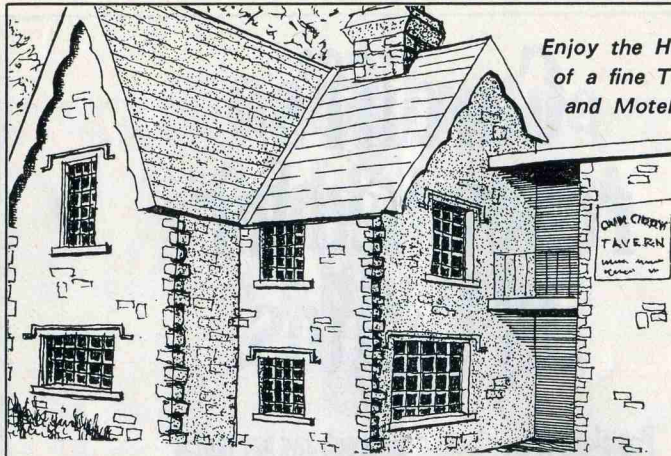
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1977 SEPTEMBER

Sat. 3	Maesteg	H	35-9
Wed. 7	Glamorgan Wands.	H	35-9
Fri. 9	Neath	H	18-9
Wed. 14	Bristol	H	25-12
Sat. 17	Coventry	A	17-9
Wed. 21	Pontypool	A	12-6
Sat. 24	Aberavon	H	28-13

OCTOBER

Sat. 1	Newport	A	10-27
Wed. 5	Pontypridd	A	11-23
Sat. 8	Northampton	H	50-6
Wed. 12			
Sat. 15	Cambridge Univ.	A	46-9
Wed. 19	Penarth	H	21-12
Sat. 22	Harlequins	A	22-16
Sat. 29	Moseley	A	9-18

NOVEMBER

Sat. 5	Oxford University	A	29-9
Sat. 12	Ebbw Vale	H	28-0
Sat. 19	Garndiffaith (Cup)	A	9-0
Sat. 26	Llanelli	A	20-10

DECEMBER

Sat. 3	Swansea	H	.....
Wed. 7	Pontypool	H	.....
Sat. 10	London Welsh	H	.....
Sat. 17	Cwmavon (Cup)	H	.....
Sat. 24	Bridgend	H	.....

Mon. 26	Pontypridd	H	.....
Sat. 31	Coventry	H	.....

1978 JANUARY

Mon. 2	London Scottish	H	.....
Sat. 7	Bedford	A	.....
Sat. 14	W.R.U. Cup 3rd Round		
Sat. 21	Ebbw Vale	A	.....
Sat. 28	Aberavon	A	.....

FEBRUARY

Sat. 4	London Welsh	A	.....
Wed. 8	Llanelli	H	.....
Sat. 11	Bristol	A	.....
Sat. 25	W.R.U. Cup 4th Round		

MARCH

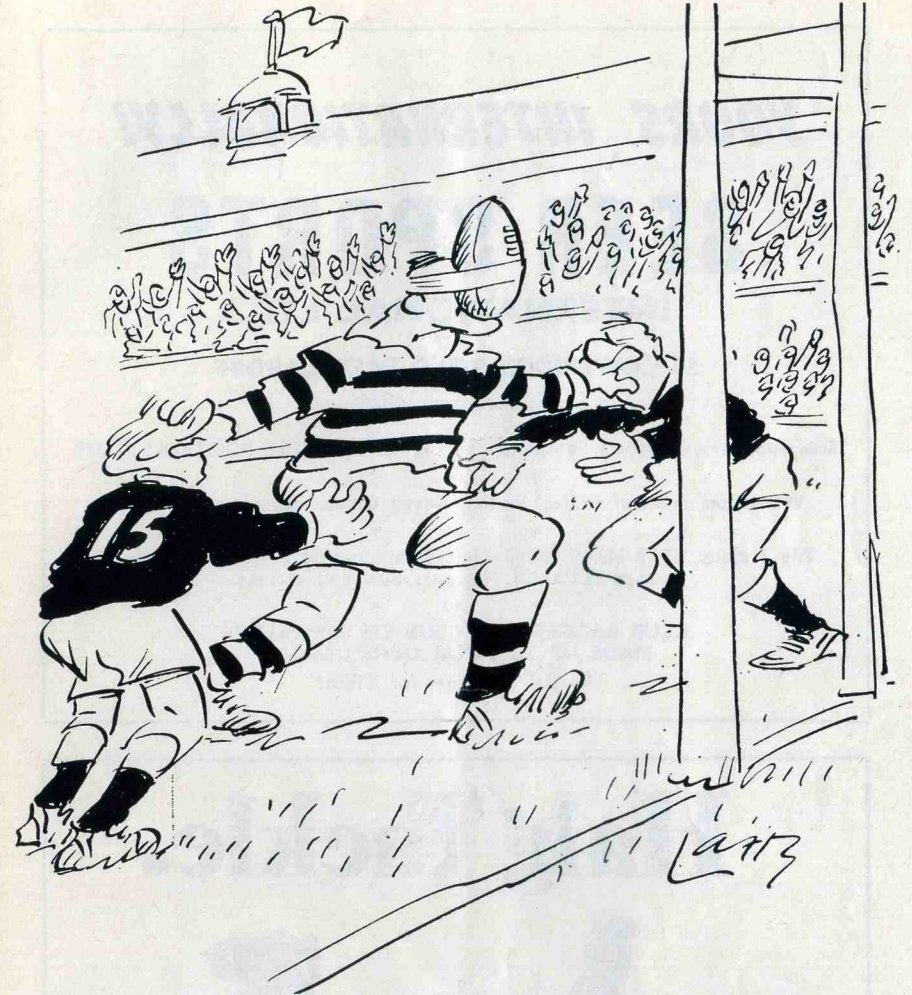
Wed. 8	Bridgend	A	.....
Sat. 11	Orrell	H	.....
Sat. 25	Barbarians	H	.....
Mon. 27	Harlequins	H	.....

APRIL

Sat. 1	Gloucester	H	.....
Wed. 5	Newport	H	.....
Sat. 8	Swansea	A	.....
Sat. 15	Camborne	A	.....
Mon. 17	St. Ives	A	.....
Sat. 22	Neath	A	.....
Sat. 29	W.R.U. Cup Final		

NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Wed., 7th December:	CARDIFF v. PONTYPOOL	7.15 p.m.
Sat., 10th December:	CARDIFF v. LONDON WELSH	3 p.m.
Sat., 17th December:	CARDIFF v. CWMAVON (Cup)	3 p.m.



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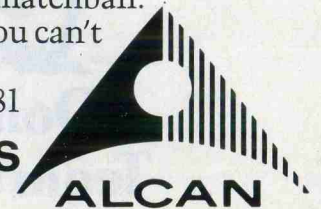
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